THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Requests have been reveived from Shri V.P. Singh, former Prime Minister and his wife and Shri H.D. Deve Gowda former Prime Minister requesting for withdrawal of SPG.

(c) The requests of the former Prime Ministers are under examination. Schemes for alternative security arrangements based on latest threat perception which will be required in their cases are being drawn up.

Scholarship and Welfare Schemes

2079. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scholarship and pension under various beneficial schemes of the Social Welfare Department are not being disbursed in Uttar Pradesh especially in Kanpur for want of funds;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government and the State Government to provide funds to the social welfare department ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Post-Matric Scholarship to students belonging to SCs & STs and Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those engaged in unclean occupations, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has intimated coverage of 1,44,805 and 49, 179 beneficiaries, respectively, during 1996-97. The State Government has further intimated that in 1996-97 under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship, 3,875 beneficiaries were covered in Kanpur with an expenditure of Rs. 75 lakhs. No pension scheme is implemented by Welfare Ministry.

(c) During 1996-97 a Central assistance of Rs. 2070.823 lakhs was released to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship and Rs. 201.34 lakhs under the scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship. Complete proposals under these two schemes for 1997-98 are awaited from the State Government.

Loans to State Financial SC/ST/OBC Development Corporations

2080. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether J & K State SC/ST/OBC Development Corporations provide loans and assistance to some entrepreneurs ;

(b) if so, whether entrepreneurs not eligible were also provided assistance in J & K; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such instance has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(c) Question does not arise.

Report of the Chief Commissioner

2081. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the disabilities chief commissioner has not been laid in the Parliament ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to inform the Parliament from time to time about the welfare measures taken for the disable persons ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, Central Government shall cause the Annual Report submitted by Chief Commissioner to be laid befor each house of the Parliament giving full account of his activities during the previous financial year.

Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has been recently appointed vide Government order dt. 5th June, 97. As per rules framed under the Act, Chief Commissioner shall, as soon as, possible after the end of the financial year not later than 30th day of September in te next year shall prepare and submit an Annual Report to the Government. The Report will be laid before the Parliament as and when received from the Chief Commissioner during 1998.

[Translation]

Delhi Police

2082. KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH :
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of murder, suicide and death due to Police torture in Delhi during May, June and till date ;

(b) whether the police officers/ personnel responsible for tortures death are merely transferred and the matter has been hushed up and no case is registered against the guilty officials;

(c) whether the police personnel send the innocent persons to jail by implicating them in false cases in case they do not give the statement as par their-wish ; and

(d) if so, the Corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid harassment by police to the innocent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Whereas there was no instance of death in Delhi due to police torture during the period from May, 1997 to 27th July, 1997, the number of cases of murder and suicide reported during the same period was 126 and 252 respectively.

(b) No, Sir. Action as per law is taken in such cases.

(c) and (d) No such instance has come to notice during the aforesaid period. Delhi Police personnel are, however, regularly briefed to ensure that investigations are conducted in an impartial manner. The senior officers of Delhi Police also maintain a close supervision of investigations at hand.

[English]

Drug Abuse

2083. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJBHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have assesed the gravity of durg abuse which is spreading fast among the slum women in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if so, the details of grants given to Non-Government Organisations for the purpose in each State during the last three years ;

(d) whether about 90% of the grant given to NGOs is meant for eradication and motivation of knowledge about this menace; and

(e) if so, the success achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) While no specific study has been made for assessing the gravity of drug abuse among slum women in the the country, various reports indicate that there is rising incidence of drug abuse amongst certain vulnerable sections of the Society, which *inter alia* include slum women.

(c) to (e) The Ministry is implementing the Scheme for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention since 1985-86 which is a community based approach for building awareness and educating people about ill-effects of drug abuse, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts. Under this Scheme, grant-in-aid to the extent of 90% of the approved expenditure as per norms under the Scheme, is released to the voluntary organisations for setting up/maintenance of Deaddiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centres, Awareness and Preventive Education Programmes and organising of De-addiction Camps. Under this programme, assistance is given to voluntary organisations for setting up of 123 De-addiction cum-Rehabilitation Centres and 218 Awareness and Counselling Centres all over the country. The number of drug addicts who have registered at these Centres has increased from 1627 in 1985-86 to 3.05 lakhs in 1996-97. The details of grants released to the Centres in each State during the last 3 years is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Amount spent under the scheme for prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention during 1994-95 to 1996-97 through Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations- State-wise

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Assam	7.34	10.57	7.05
2.	Andhra Pradesh	15.07	14.85	19.04
3.	Bihar	122.60	103.69	74.71
4.	Goa	10.51	6.41	16.49
5.	Gujarat	43.75	33.55	30.14
6.	Haryana	92.87	46.69	44.59
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	9.30	6.13	3.35
8.	Karnataka	19.33	19.66	23.74
9.	Kerala	82.88	83.56	91.80
10.	Madhya Pradesh	31.63	21.67	15.18
11.	Maharashtra	63.88	55.69	59.14
12.	Manipur	127.36	86.72	77.13
13.	Meghalaya	2.00	3.37	4.72
14.	Mizoram	43.83	29.64	26.30
15.	Nagaland	26.62	13.68	3.41
16.	Orissa	52.36	60.20	37.27
17.	Punjab	43.47	37.98	36.78
18.	Rajasthan	70.95	45.26	35.52
19.	Sikkim	4.52	0.56	1.20